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1. EMBASSY AGREES THAT PARTICIPATION BY WORKING LEVEL SOVIET AMERICAN STUDIES SPECIALIST(S) IN BELMONT FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE TO SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE DESCRIBED REFS WOULD BE MORE BENEFICIAL THAN DEPT-FUNDED PARTICIPATION BY G.A. ARBATOV. EMBASSY ALSO DOES NOT RECOMMEND TIMOFEYEV (SEE REF A.) AS PARTICIPANT IN BELMONT CONFERENCE.

2. PARTICIPATION OF MGU AMERICANISTICS COUNCIL REP IN BELMONT CONFERENCE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN LIGHT OF CONFERENCE'S OBJECTIVES AS DESCRIBED REF B. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SIVACHEV WOULD BE LOGICAL NOMINEE (SEE SEPTTEL ON SIVACHEV). IF DEPT. CONCURS, EMBASSY WILL INQUIRE IF SIVACHEV CAN LEAVE FOR U.S. EARLIER THAN PLANNED MID-OCTOBER DEPARTURE TO PARTICIPATE IN SMITHSONIAN AND BELMONT CONFERENCES. IF SIVACHEV UNABLE TO DEPART FOR U.S. EARLY DUE TO TEACHING COMMITMENTS, EMBASSY WILL CONSIDER NOMINATING EITHER Y.N. ZASURSKIY, DEAN OF JOURNALISM FACULTY AND LECTURER EXCHANGE RETURNEE, OR L. KASATKINA, SPECIALIST IN AMERICAN
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LITERATURE IN PHILOLOGICAL FACULTY, BOTH OF WHOM SERVE ON

AMERICANISTICS COUNCIL.

3. IN SELECTING PERSONS TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO SMITHSONIAN CONFERENCE, SUGGEST CONSIDERATIO FO FOLLOWING: EMBASSY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO NOMINATE THEM AS PARTICIPANTS IN BELMONT CONFERENCE.

A. NIKOLAI NIKOLAYEVICH BOLKHOVITINOV OF INSTITUTE OF GENERAL HISTORY OF U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, NOTED HISTORIAN OF RUSSIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, WHO WILL BE LECTURING AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY DURING THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 1976/77 ACADEMIC YEAR ON PRIVATE INVITATION.

B. SYVATOSLAV VIKTOROVICH FILIPPOV, SENIOR RESEARCHER IN LEGAL AFFAIRS AT USA INSTITUTE, WHO WILL BE LECTURING DURING FALL SEMESTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL ON PRIVATE INVITATION.

C. LEVAN NIKOLAYEVICH SVANADZE, PROFESSOR OF CONTEMPORARY HISTORY (ESPECIALLY AMERICAN) AT THE KUTAISSI STATE PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE. SVANADZE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR TWO MONTHS OF RESEARCH AT COLUMUUA AND UNIV. OF MICHIGAN ON U.S. POLITICAL PARTIES AND FOREIGN POLICY SINCE 1944 UNDER AAAAAUSPICES OF IREX SENIOR EXCHANGE. HIS INTENDED DEPARTURE DATE IS AS YET UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT HIS PLANS MAY ALLOW FOR ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE.

D. VLADIMIR OLEGOVICH PECHATNOV, JUNIOR RESEARCHER ON U.S. HISTORY AT USA INSTITUTE, WHO WILL BE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FOR TEN MONTHS UNDER AUSPICES OF GS/YF EXCHANGE CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON HISTORY OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR SMITHSONIAN TO FOLLOW.
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